



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
**FAYETTE COUNTY RURAL LAND MANAGEMENT BOARD, INCORPORATED**

Jim Gray  
Mayor

Richard Moloney  
Chief Administrative Officer

Minutes

August 1, 2011

Call to Order: 3:00 p.m.

Location: LFUCG Center, 200 E. Main, 12th Floor Conference Room

Voting Members: Greg Bibb-Treasurer, Commerce Lexington  
Robert Hewett-Chair, Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Don Robinson, Fayette County Farm Bureau  
Mariana Moore-Vice-Chair, Fayette County Neighborhood Council  
Karen Mundy, Lexington-Bluegrass Association Realtors  
Deborah Long, Historic Preservation Group  
Tom Thornbury, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association  
Kristen Clark, Fayette County Farm Bureau  
Greg Padgett, Home Builders Association

Absent: Helen Alexander, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association  
Nick Carter, Fayette County Extension Agent for Agriculture  
Vacant-Land Conservation Group  
Charles Farmer, USDA/NRCS District Conservationist

Staff: Billy F. Van Pelt, MBA, RLA-Secretary and PDR Program Director  
Michael Sanner, Department of Law

Guests: Alice Guinones

**Attendance**

Chair Hewett asked everyone to sign the meeting sign-in sheet.

## **Approval of the July 11, 2011 meeting minutes**

### BOARD ACTION

On a motion made by Vice-Chair Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the July 11, 2011 meeting minutes.

### **Old Business**

#### A. FY12 budget

Mr. Van Pelt reviewed the FY12 budget with the Board. Mr. Van Pelt asked the Board to authorize Chair Hewett to sign the 2011 Federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program agreement on behalf of the Fayette County Rural Land Management Board, Incorporated.

### BOARD ACTION

On a motion made by Vice-Chair Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board voted unanimously (9-0) to authorize Chair Hewett to sign the 2011 Federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program agreement on behalf of the Fayette County Rural Land Management Board, Incorporated.

Mr. Van Pelt also reported that he was working with the Administration on a letter for the USDA/NRCS that will address a local match of at least \$1 million in the FY13 budget for the balance of the 2011 award from the Federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program. The Board reached a consensus that the FY12 Budget Committee should schedule a meeting with

Mayor Gray to discuss the letter. Chair Hewett, Vice-Chair Moore, Treasurer Bibb, Mrs. Mundy and Mr. Van Pelt will attend the meeting on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Van Pelt also reported that he was working with Mr. Carter to meet with the Fayette County Agriculture Development Board in September to apply for a grant.

B. Round 9 and Round 10 closings

Mr. Van Pelt reviewed a PDR map with the Board and reported that there are pending closings on farms 40-2002 and 9-2010. He added that he would make an offer to farm 11-2011 after the 2011 award from the Federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program grant had received two readings from the Urban County Council.

C. Round 11 Initial Ranking

Mr. Van Pelt reported that the Board authorized him to send out the Round 11 Initial Ranking at the July Board meeting. He added that he will send out the Initial Ranking once the FY12 Budget Committee confirms the status of the FY13 local match of the 2011 Federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program award.

D. Education and Outreach Committee

Mr. Van Pelt reported that he was working with Ms. Alexander and Mr. Thornbury on the possibility of Keeneland magazine featuring the PDR program in a 2012 issue.

E. Comprehensive Plan Update Committee

Mr. Van Pelt reported that in response to the Board's action at the July meeting, that Mr. Sanner had drafted a Resolution for adoption by the Board. Mr. Van Pelt distributed a draft of the Resolution to the Board for review.

BOARD ACTION

On a motion made by Vice-Chair Moore, seconded by Mr. Bibb, the Board voted unanimously (9-0) to adopt the Resolution and to forward a copy of it to the Chair of the Urban County Council Planning Committee and to the Chair of the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Clark asked Mr. Van Pelt to schedule a meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee with Council Member Farmer to discuss the Resolution.

F. Kentucky Agriculture Development Board

Mr. Van Pelt reported that in response to the Board's directive, that he had met with the Woodford County Rural Land Management Board and the Executive Director of the Bluegrass Conservancy, to discuss the possibility of a joint, regional application for grant funds from the Kentucky Agriculture Development Board. He added that he was scheduled to meet with the Scott County Rural Land Management Board on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Van Pelt also reported that he had communicated with the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy regarding the potential application.

## **New Business**

### **A.     PDR farm sales**

Mr. Van Pelt reported that farms 72-2002 and 73-2002 had sold.

### **B.     PDR farm 50-2002**

Mr. Van Pelt presented a request by the owner of farm 50-2002 to reconstruct a log cabin as an accessory structure on the farm.

## **BOARD ACTION**

On a motion made by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Vice-Chair Moore, the Board voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the location of and construction of an accessory structure on farm 50-2002.

## **Public Comment**

Mr. Van Pelt reported that he was working on an event to honor Margaret Graves for her years of volunteer service as the Chair of the Fayette County Rural Land Management Board, Incorporated.

## **Adjournment**

Chair Hewett declared the meeting adjourned.